



June 7, 2021

Dear Fellow Alaskan:

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of Mining, Land and Water, Resources Assessment and Development Section has initiated the planning process to update the Copper River Basin Area Plan (CRBAP). The existing plan was adopted in 1986, and an update is necessary to incorporate new or updated resource information, account for changes in land ownership, and to reflect current and anticipated changes to physical, environmental, economic and social factors in the area. This revision will allow the DNR to fulfill the mission and statutory requirements of the agency, reflect current information and understanding of natural and cultural resources, and revise state management intent and policies to reflect changes in land ownership and manage the increased and varied uses on state lands in the region. A public comment period associated with the initial scoping process begins on June 7, 2021 and ends on September 8, 2021.

The boundary of the CRBAP encompasses approximately 16 million acres of land located within the Copper River Basin in the eastern portion of southcentral Alaska. This plan will address the management of approximately 3.3 million acres of general state lands and waters within the plan boundary. It will not affect federal lands, University or Mental Health Trust lands, borough or municipal lands, private lands, lands owned by Alaska Native entities, or other state lands withdrawn from the public domain.

Scoping meetings related to this planning process are scheduled in the communities listed below. Members of the public are invited to attend all meetings, even if they do not live in the community where the meeting is scheduled.

Communities	Date	Time	Meeting Place
Glennallen, Tazlina, Tolsona, Mendeltna, Gakona, Gulkana, Copper Center	June 21 st	5:30-7:30pm	Glennallen High School Multipurpose Room
Valdez	June 22 nd	5:30-7:30pm	Prince William Sound Community College Atrium
Kenny Lake, Tonsina, and Willow Creek	June 23 rd	Noon – 2 pm	Kenny Lake Community Hall
Chitina, McCarthy	June 23 rd	3:30 – 5:30pm	Chitina Village Hall
Mentasta Lake, Slana, and Nabesna	June 24 th	10:00am-12:00pm	Mentasta Lake Community Recreation Center
Anchorage	June 29 th	5:30pm – 7:30pm	Atwood Bldg. Conf. Rm. 106 – William Egan Room

The purpose of the meeting will be to:

- Get input from local users about the area
- Inform the public on the planning process, schedule, and scope of the plan
- Provide basic background information on the planning area
- Provide information on how to meaningfully participate in the planning process

For information related to the CRBAP planning process please visit our website at: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/planning/areaplans/crbap/>. Through this website you will be able to view the latest information on the planning process, sign up to the contact list, and submit your plan related comments. You can also email questions to crbaprevision@alaska.gov or contact the project manager at the phone number listed below.

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